

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 03-36

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003

PRESENT: Ellen L. Weintraub, Chair, presiding
Bradley A. Smith, Vice Chairman
David M. Mason, Commissioner
Danny L. McDonald, Commissioner
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
Michael E. Toner, Commissioner
Alison Doone, Deputy Staff Director
for Management, representing
James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
Lawrence M. Norton, General Counsel
Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chair Ellen L. Weintraub called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, May 15, 2003, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for May 8, 2003

Agenda Document No. 03-35

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Smith, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meeting of Thursday, May 8, 2003, as set forth in Agenda Document No. 03-35.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Smith, Thomas, Toner, and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2003-7

Virginia Highlands Advancement Fund
by Regina Cordle, Treasurer

Agenda Documents No. 03-34
and No. 03-34-A

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman

Smith, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on
the timely submission of agenda
documents in order to consider
Agenda Document No. 03-34-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

The Chair recognized Ms. Cheryl A. F. Hemsley
of the General Counsel's Office who presented draft
Advisory Opinion 2003-7 concerning the application of
the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended
("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the
accounting method Virginia Highlands Advancement Fund
("VHAF") seeks to use when returning non-Federal funds
to its donors.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2003-7

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During her presentation, Ms. Hemsley noted the following amendments:

1. Amend the headers on Pages 2, 3, and 4 of Agenda Document No. 03-34 to read "AO 2003-7."
2. Amend Line 9 of Agenda Document No. 03-34-A by inserting "582," before "2003."

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Smith, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2003-7, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 03-34, as amended, and further amended by Agenda Document No. 03-34-A, as amended.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

III. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no routine administrative matters
to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

Signed:

Ellen L. Weintraub
Chair

Attest:

Mary W. Dove
Secretary